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Town of Milton Police Officer Lindsey Bittorf Asks People to ‘Share Your Spare’

Town of Milton police officer Lindsey Bittorf encouraged people to sign up as organ donors when she accepted the Hometown Hero Award on Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

“I was raised that it takes a village to raise a child,” Officer Bittorf said. “And I’m just another person in the Arnesons’ and Golls’ village helping raise their child.”

Gregg Arneson and Kristi Goll are the parents of Jackson Arneson, who was in need of a kidney transplant at the age of eight.

Lindsey Bittorf saw the request on social media, got tested, and found out she was a near-perfect match. The transplant surgeries took place in June 2017.

“I just had a special organ that was just hanging out, that he needed,” Bittorf said in her acceptance speech on the Assembly floor. “I don’t see myself as a hero. I believe the real hero is this little boy, Jackson. He’s extremely brave. It’s been eight months from today which was our transplant. Our story and our journey has helped us spread awareness for organ donation as well as the need for living donors. The state of Wisconsin has 2,100 people who are looking for livers and kidneys. So we always like to say ‘hashtagshareyourspace,’ if you can.”

“As I said, we’re eight months out from the transplant, so he’s not out of the woods yet, and your thoughts and prayers for him would be very appreciated in these upcoming months. So, thank you very much for this award.”

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